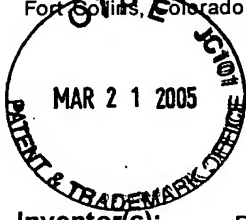


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed Rule 131 Declarations and associated Exhibits A, B, C, and D along with the following remarks. Further, Applicants request, again, that the Examiner provide a translation of the *entire* Neukam reference cited by the Examiner. Lastly, Applicants note that the final status of the present office action is improper because the Examiner did not provide a translation of the cited references, as requested by the Applicants.